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C O N F I D E N T I A L HELSINKI 1362

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FINNISH RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA

REF: HELSINKI 925

1. A FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL (KORHONEN, DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR) THIS AFTERNOON INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT ON MAY 22 OPENED DISCUSSIONS WITH NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATIVES WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. HE THOUGHT THE DETAILS WOULD BE WORKED OUT FAIRLY RAPIDLY AND THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE ON JUNE 4 OR 5.

2. ACCORDING TO KORHONEN THE SOUTH KOREAN SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE IN HELSINKI, HOGAN YOON, HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT'S DECISION AND HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THE FINNS WOULD WELCOME PARALLEL DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGE WITH SOUTH KOREA.
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MINISTER YOON HAS CONFIRMED THE FINNISH APPROACH
TO HIM AND INFORMED US THAT HE TOLD THE FINNS THAT
HE COULD NOT RESPOND UNTIL HE HAD OBTAINED INSTRUCTIONS.

3. FINLAND UNILATERALLY RECOGNIZED NORTH AND SOUTH
KOREA IN MID- APRIL.
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